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SUBJ: NATIONALIZATION OF MEDICINE IN MOZAMBIQUE: SUDDEN DECISION?

REF: LOURENCO MARQUES 797

1. DIRECTOR OF UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN MAXIXE AREA, DAVIS  
KORSWING, INFORMS US CURRENT MINISTER OF HEALTH MARTINS ASSURED  
HIM IN MAY THAT FOR FINANCIAL REASONS IT WOULD BE AT LEAST TWO  
YEARS BEFORE GOVERNMENT WOULD TAKE OVER PRIVATE HOSPITALS SUCH  
AS UNITED METHODIST HOSPITAL AT CHICUQUE WHICH WERE RUN SATIS-  
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FACTORILY TO FRELIMO. WHEN KORSWING SAW MARTINS JULY 28,

MARTINS REMINDED KORSWING OF HIS OWN EARLIER STATEMENT AND THEN EXPLAINED THAT NATIONALIZATION HAD HAD TO BE ACCELERATED BECAUSE "THE PEOPLE DEMANDED IT". (KORSWING TOLD US THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NO SUBSTANCE TO THIS RATIONALE.)

2. OTHER SOURCE TOLD US THAT MARTINS AND MINISTER OF JUSTICE BALTASAR TOLD DOCTOR FRIEND OF THEIRS FEW DAYS BEFORE MACHEL JULY 24 SPEECH THAT IT WOULD BE SOME TIME BEFORE PRIVATE MEDICINE NATIONALIZED. BALTASAR REPORTEDLY CALLED FRIEND DAY OF SPEECH AND APOLOGIZED FOR MISLEADING HIM.

3. COMMENT: IT SEEMS PROBABLY IMMEDIATE NATIONALIZATION DECISION ONLY REACHED SHORTLY BEFORE MACHEL SPEECH.  
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